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REPORT OF N.T. CURFEW CATEGORICALLY DENIED

The report in a vernacular evening paper on Monday that a curfew had been imposed in the New Territories, was categorically denied by Mr. K. A. Bidmead, Commanding Officer, Kowloon and New Territories, who was seen by the "China Mail" yesterday. Mr. Bidmead further denied that as the result of the curfew several cars were unable to return to Kowloon four days ago and only returned later under police escort.

"As far as I know," said Mr. Bidmead, "there has been, and is, no combined forces of police and military camping out in various districts to safeguard law and order. There might have been some military personnel camping out there, but they were not in touch with the police nor were they with them."

He went on to say that the only additional precautions taken along the border were the construction and manning of 18 police posts at strategic points along the border.

Stopping Armed Men

He explained, was mainly for the purpose of stopping armed men (not armed bands, as stated in the Chinese paper) from entering, and to see that armed robbers do not escape to the Chinese territories.

Questioned on the additional police patrols, Mr. Bidmead said that these are the normal additional strength put on during the Chinese New Year period, when double vigilance is kept by the police not only in the New Territories but also in the city limits.

"As to the searching of motor vehicles, Mr. Bidmead said that that is a very normal procedure. All cars, buses and lorries to and from Man Kam To and Takukui have always been subjected to police search, while other vehicles travelling along New Territories roads at night have always been liable to be searched by police patrols, mobile units, and police traps.

Said Mr. Bidmead, "Even my own car was stopped one evening as I was returning to Kowloon." As in the city areas, he added, police carry out a round-the-clock patrol, and to attach any special importance to police carrying out night patrols in the Territories is grossly to exaggerate the whole matter.

Questioned on the statement that the police had received information of the intention of an armed band to cross the border from the Chinese section, Mr. Bidmead said that that was the first time he heard of it.

There have been, he said, two or three armed robberies in the New Territories recently, and the police suspect, but have no definite information, that the perpetrators were from the Chinese territories. The authorities do know, however, that these men were independent gangs and not an organised band.

"There is a curfew on in Shum-chun," concluded Mr. Bidmead.

A Christ Church dance will take place at the Kowloon Tong Club at 8.30 p.m. tomorrow. Dancing will last until 1 a.m., with music provided by Kennedy Sayer and his Band. Tickets at HK\$5 each are obtainable from members of Christ Church. The dance has been organised to raise funds for a tennis court.

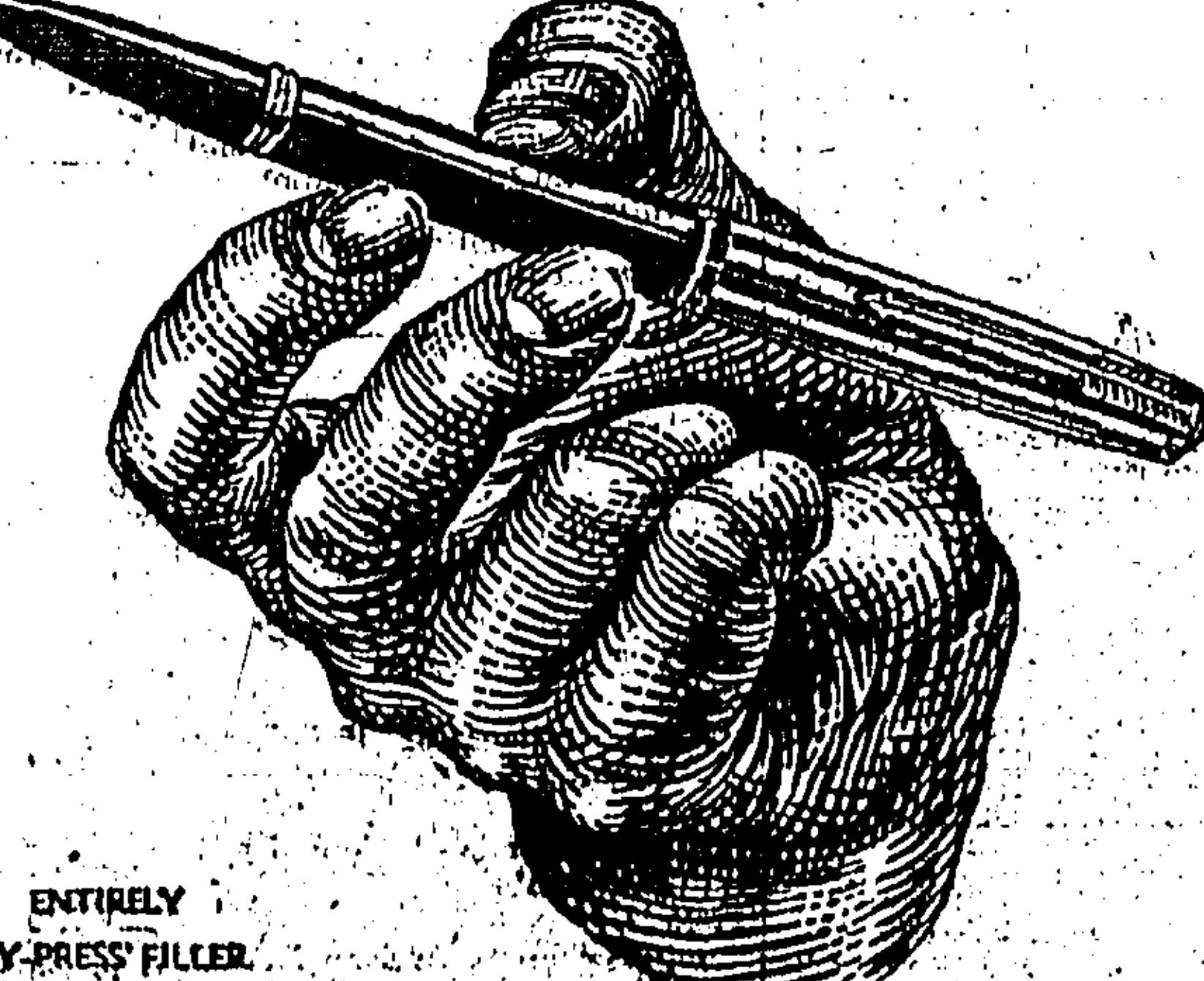
A three-day exhibition of oil paintings and wood cuts by Mr. Wong Sun-po was opened at the Hotel Cecil yesterday. The display includes some 40 exhibits which are for sale. The artist served with the British Army Aid Group during the war at Kunming.

EXHIBITION

It was alleged that the robbers then proceeded to transfer the cargo to their own vessel.

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Hong Kong Landmark Removal Starts

Work on removing the 53-year-old stone pedestal, formerly occupied by the statue of Queen Victoria, at Statue Square, began yesterday. The waterfront landmark is being removed to improve traffic conditions. An unconfirmed report said that the pedestal is to be re-erected at the Botanical Gardens.

Queen Victoria's statue was erected by public subscription in 1890. It was made in London in 1889 by a sculptor, M. Racine, and cast in the London foundry of H. Young and Company.

The statue was removed by the Japanese during the war. After Liberation, it was found in a badly damaged condition at Sakurajima, Cenka, in 1946 together with the statue of Sir Thomas Jackson and the two bronze lions of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Returned To Hong Kong

The statue was returned to Hong Kong in October, 1946. It was officially stated recently that when the missing pieces have been replaced, a suitable site for the re-erection of the statue will be considered.

In addition to the empty pedestal, five trees on Chater Road are also to be removed to provide more parking space on both sides of the road and to allow traffic to flow down the centre of the thoroughfare.

The lamp standards in the area have already been re-adjusted for the same purposes.

Work on dislodging some of the stone steps leading up to the pedestal occupied the entire day yesterday. The foreman in charge told the "China Mail" that it will take about one month to complete the removal.

He said that the workmen have instructions to avoid damaging any part of the structure. They were told to try their best not to damage the pedestal.

Passengers who arrived here from Singapore yesterday by the ss. Hui Lee included Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Levien.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Klosturid, Mr. R. Rose-Anderssen and Mr. J. Kragh-Moe left for Swatow and Amoy yesterday by the ss. Hui Lee.

Messrs. Miguel Salaria, Victor de la Cruz, Molera Cortez, Francisco Saragosa, Miguel Perez, Jose J. Yon, Tomas Palma, Nicholas Dave and Ricardo Garcia were among the passengers who left for Manila yesterday by CPA.

Mr. T.R. Howell, Director of Education, will address the Kowloon Rotary Club at the Peninsula Hotel tomorrow at 12.30 p.m. His subject will be "The History of Education."

The marriage between Miss Margaret Jen Summers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Summers of Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Company, Limited, and Mr. Ronald Peters Parcell, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Parcell of New Southgate, London is due to take place today at St. Andrew's Church at 4 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Kinloch Rotarty Club luncheon talk on "The History of Education" by Mr. T.R. Howell, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Annual Race Meeting, fourth day, Race Course, Happy Valley, 12 noon.

Forum on Radio (P.O. Phillips, Frank Harris, Linda Carter, Leonard Starbuck), European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.

Sino-British Orchestra rehearsal, Conn Club, 8 p.m.

Passing Out Parade of Trained Recruits, Lymun Camp, 10 a.m.

When Inspector N.H. Moran leaves on January 21 on attachment to the duty of police magistrate in the First Magistrate's Court will be taken over by Inspector T.G. McKay.

Among the passengers who left for the United Kingdom and Singapore by the ss. Glenorchy were Mr. and Mrs. Medcraft, Mr. J.A. Medcraft, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Wurtzel, Miss Wurzbach, Mrs. L.A. Barton, E.L. Saxe, C.W. Hall, R.G. McPhail, F.N. Carlton, Miss N. Ranson and Mrs. E.K. Smith.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

Food and fuel costs compiled by the Labour Office for the week ended January 19 follow:

Flour and Flour	7.2 catties	\$8,000
Vegetables	1.0	1,216
Balti Cabbages	2	1,140
Onions	7	1,180
Yams	1	1,000
Balti Fish	4	1,020
Pork	3	1,040
Prawns	1	1,000
Beef Curd, 14 pieces	10.0	1,000
Total		H.K. 10,000

Food and fuel costs compiled by the Labour Office for the week ended January 19 follow:

R.A.F. Association luncheon, Jacobean Room, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Bridge-Mah Jong Driv in aid of Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children, Repulse Bay Hotel Lounge, 2.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Men's Club luncheon, Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

HKFA Inter-Port Sub-Committee meeting, HKFA office, Prince's Bldg, 5.15 p.m.

Emergency Committee meeting of HKFA, Prince's Bldg, 5.15 p.m.

Army Cross Country Race, Sunway, 2 p.m.

RAF Association luncheon, Jacobean Room, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Screening of coloured film on "Mechanical Handling Equipment," by British General Electric Co., Ltd., Jacobean Room, HK Hotel, 5.15 p.m.

HK Stage Club casting meeting for "The Guinea Pig," China Fleet Club, 8.30 p.m.

Talk on "School Broadcasts" by Dr. D. P. Dobson, to HK Teachers' Association, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.

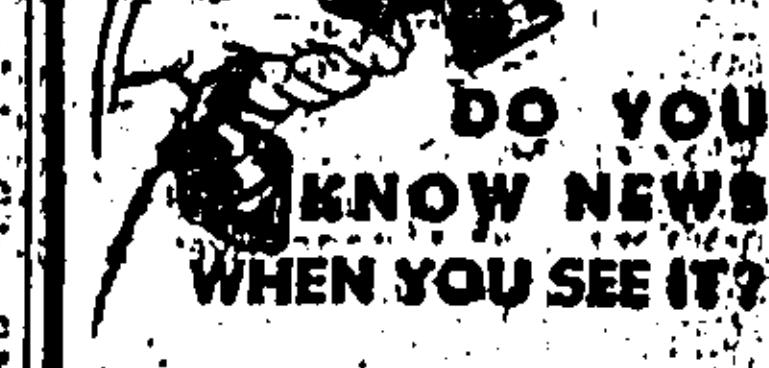
Legislative Council Meeting, Council, Chamber, 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Sino-British Club Gramophone Group, recital at Helens May Institute, 8.15 p.m.

Dinner at St. John's Ambulance Headquarters in honour of Col. Sir James Sleeman.

Lecture on "Native Chinese Physicians" by Dr. F. I. Tseng, PRO lecture room, 5.45 p.m.



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First Assizes Of The Year Opened By The Chief Justice



M.R. D. W. MACINTOSH
**Police Chief,
KCR Official
Decorated**

Mr. D. W. MacIntosh, Commissioner of Police, and Mr. I. B. Trevor, General Manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, have been appointed by the King to be Officers of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

The announcement was made yesterday by Colonel Sir James Sleeman, Chief Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas. He said that the awards have been made in recognition of valuable services to the cause of humanity.

The awards were conferred by the King as the Sovereign Head of the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Mr. D. W. MacIntosh has had a very long and distinguished record of Police and St. John work. He first qualified in First Aid in 1924. Commencing with the Royal Irish Constabulary in 1920, he went to the Straits Settlements in 1929 where he was closely associated with the development of Police First Aid work under the auspices of St. John.

In 1931 he was awarded the King's Police Medal and in 1941 the Colonial Police Medal. In June 1946 he was created an Officer of the most Excellent Order of the British Empire. Since his arrival in Hong Kong Mr. MacIntosh has taken a very active interest in the affairs of the Brigade. He is a member of the St. John Association Executive Council.

Mr. I. B. Trevor has been a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade since 1927. In 1932 he was awarded a sum of thanks for his excellent work in connection with the riots in Hong Kong. He has been untiring in his efforts in connection with the Kowloon Free Ambulance service and is mainly responsible that such a service exists in Kowloon today.

In 1941, Mr. Trevor was mobilised with the HRVDC and in February 1942 escaped from Shunshupu prisoners of war camp. For this and his valuable work in China Mr. Trevor was awarded the Military Cross and returned to Hong Kong in 1945 as Lieutenant-Colonel in the Military Administration. He held the rank of District Officer, Kowloon, until his promotion in 1948 to Assistant Commissioner of the Brigade, which position he still holds. Mr. Trevor also holds the Service Medal of St. John with two bars.

LECTURE

Dr. F.I. Tseng will give a lecture on native Chinese physi- cians to the Sino-British Club on Friday. The lecture will be given at the Public Relations Office lecture room at 6.15 pm.

With the spread of scientific medicine in China many people believe that the native Chinese physician practices an art entirely without value.

Much of their theory and practice is based on superstition and false science, but there are discoveries, especially herbals, which are contributions to medicine.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Sir.—At the risk of being thought pedantic, may I call the attention of your headline writers to the fact that "Israel" is a noun and "Israel" an adjective?

J.C.T.

**TWO DAYS
TO
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"The British system of law has been built up through many centuries by men of great integrity and ability, men with real devotion to freedom and fair play."

"Under our system of justice, no one, however rich or influential, is beyond the reach of the courts if he offends against the law, and no one can be shut off from access to the courts and from a judicial decision as to his rights and liabilities."

These remarks were made at the Supreme Court yesterday by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice), at the opening of the first Assizes of the year.

Sir Leslie expressed his sincere appreciation of the efforts that had been made in the building up of the Police Force and the Police Reserve and of the high standard of efficiency which they had now reached.

The opening of the first Assizes of the year was, for the first time in the history of the Colony, marked by a special service in St. John's Cathedral, attended by Sir Leslie Gibson, Mr. Justice Reynolds (Acting Police Judge), Mr. Justice Wicks (Acting Additional Judge), Law Officers of the Crown and many distinguished personalities.

Chief Heads Procession

The Choir, which headed the procession into the Cathedral, was followed by the Rev. George She, Mr. Justice Reynolds; Mr. Justice Wicks, Mr. C. d'Almada e Castro (Registrar of the Supreme Court), Mr. L. Alltree (Head Bailiff and Mace Bearer), Sir Leslie Gibson, Mr. Henry Kwok (Verger), the Very Rev. A. P. Rose, Mr. B. Gellam (carrying the Bishop's Crook) and the Bishop.

The service commenced with the singing of the first verse of the National Anthem, followed by a psalm, the General Confession, the Absolution and the Lord's Prayer.

The lesson, taken from Chapter 13 of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, was read by the Chief Justice, after which the hymn "Rejoice, O land, in God thy might" was sung.

Then came the sermon by the Bishop, followed by prayers led by the Dean, for the King and Country, the Governor of Hong Kong, the Chief Justice, Judges and Magistrates, the Courts of Justice and the Police Force.

After the hymn "The Lord will come and not be slow" had been sung, the service concluded with the blessing by the Bishop.

For his sermon, the Bishop took us his text "The Law is for Persons."

Bishop's Remarks

The Bishop said in part: "I have been asked to speak simply to you this morning. I will try to do so. For God's ways are simple. God's ways are simple though they are not easy."

"I learned a lesson years ago from a New Territories police officer. He called the village folk in his district 'my people.' These he said, 'are my people.' Often in England I have said many British police officers in Hong Kong have the same sense of responsibility, the same knowledge of and concern for the Chinese people in their districts, as the good town person in England has for the people of his parish."

"You will remember then as you leave your Father's House and go to the Law Courts on your Father's business, that those who come before you are your people, your brethren, sons as you are, of your Father in Heaven. We are many brethren, 'sons of one Father.'

After saying that there was no sacredness in law except as it ministered to the sacredness of persons, for all persons were the children of God, the Bishop spoke of God's purpose and special acts of love.

On leaving the Cathedral, Sir Leslie Gibson proceeded to the Centalnph, where he inspected a Guard of Honour drawn from the 1st Bn. The Buffs and the Buffs Band.

Sir Leslie Gibson, Mr. Justice Reynolds and Mr. Justice Wicks then proceeded to the First Court, where in the presence of a large gathering, Sir Leslie delivered the following address:

Administration Of Justice

"Before the pleas are taken at this Assize, I wish to say a few words about the administration of justice in this Colony. "It is still something, under three and a half years since Hong Kong was freed from the Japanese occupation and the task of restoring law and order was taken in hand by the British authorities.

"The appointment of Justices of the Peace to sit as magistrates in the Central Magistracy was an

innovation started in October 1948 and has proved very successful."

"The courts of the Justices of the Peace sit four times a week and, in the short period since their inception until the end of the year, they have dealt with over 2,000 cases."

"There are now 30 Justices of the Peace who serve the community in this way."

Grave Judicial Task

"The Tenancy Tribunals face one of the gravest judicial tasks in the Colony by reason of the very large number of applications which are made to them and the often very difficult legal problems which are posed for their decision. In the year 1948, they heard some 400 cases."

"Like those who serve as jurors or as Justices of the Peace, the members of the Tenancy Tribunals give their services free and all of them are very busy. It is certainly no criticism of their efforts when I say that the Tenancy Tribunals are still heavily in arrears with their work. It is no criticism because the task of clearing off those arrears would, in my opinion, be quite beyond the resources of men who could not be expected to give their whole time to the work."

"The arrears in the Tenancy Tribunals are a source of great anxiety and I have come to the conclusion that the only real way to tackle the problems effectively is to supplement the efforts of those who can only serve part time, by the appointment of two or three full time paid officers with legal qualifications."

"I hope that these appointments will shortly be made but I wish to make it quite clear that nothing is further from my contemplation or my wishes than that those people who are at present serving should withdraw when their services when full time officers begin to sit. It is very important indeed that they should not do so."

What System Means

"I think, Mr. Attorney, that I should take this opportunity to say a few words about our system of law in this Colony because I think that all of us in this Court, whether we have a part in the administration of justice or not, might like to pause for a moment to think what that system means to us and to our fellow citizens in Hong Kong."

"The British system of law has been built up through many centuries by men of great integrity and ability, men with real devotion to freedom and fair play."

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Rights Or Liabilities

"In the third place, when the rights or liabilities of a citizen come to be tested in the courts, the decision rests with judges who are completely independent of the executive and who give their decisions without bias whether political, racial, religious or social. They give their decisions according to the law without fear or favour."

"I have mentioned these matters because I think that sometimes we are apt to take too much for granted the merits of our system of law."

"If we find ourselves inclined to do so, we have only to pause for a moment to think of the lot of many people in less fortunate countries who may find themselves, even at this present day, liable to lose either life or liberty without proper trial or to be subjected to a trial which the intrusion of political hatreds and bias makes nothing but a mockery."

"I hope that the people of this Colony, in this year, that lies ahead, will cling firmly to these principles of the law to which I have referred because I am convinced that the maintenance of those principles is the strongest guarantee they can have that respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual will always be maintained."

"Later in the morning, pleas of prisoners committed to stand trial at the January Sessions were taken by Mr. Justice Wicks in the Second Court.



The "Chief" Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, inspecting a Guard of Honour before the opening of the first Assizes of the year. — "China Mail" Photo.

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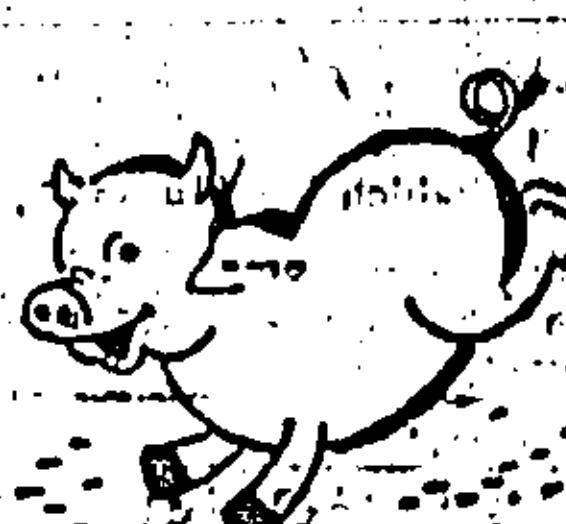
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acks, Kowloon, between 9 a.m.
and 5 p.m. on 21st January, 1949.

Tenders to be submitted to
C.R.E., 'A' & 'B' Blocks, Queen's
Road East, Hong Kong, by 11
a.m., 27th January, 1949, en-
velope to be clearly marked
"TENDER FOR REFRIGERA-
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PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have re-
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THE CHINA MAIL, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1949.

Fisherman
To Be Tried
For Robbery

Charged with being in pos-
session of dynamite and also
with armed robbery, a fisher-
man was committed to trial
by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kow-
loon yesterday.

Defendant was Lau Kau-kol,
aged 24, of Po Toi O Village,
Hong Kong.

Detective Sub-Inspector Ashe
outlined the case as follows:

On October 20, last year, sam-
pan No. 2731S, masterd by Lau
Shiu-yim, was intercepted at Tai
Miu Bay.

Lau's vessel was boarded by
robbers armed with revolvers and
they proceeded to transfer the
cargo of 59 tins of peanut oil and
numbers of poultry to their own

Junk.

The victims were then put
ashore and herded into a foxhole
where they remained for two
nights and a day.

After they had been freed they
at once reported the matter to the
Police and Sub-Inspector Kilmoch

with a party of police went to
the foxhole and kept a night's
watch.

The next morning defendant
was seen moving suspiciously on
the hill. On being approached and
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WORLD TRADE UNION SPLIT "INEVITABLE"

Talks On Position Of Ulster

London, January 17. The Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, Sir Basil Brooke, and the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will have further talks on Northern Ireland's constitutional position tomorrow.

Sir Basil will lunch with Mr. Attlee and the Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, at the Premier's official residence. The meeting follows the recent Downing Street round table conference between British and Northern Ireland Ministers on the constitutional complications caused by Eire's Republic of Ireland Act, which breaks her last link with the Crown.

These will involve early legislation, considered by the Cabinet here last Thursday, to alter the King's title to "King of Northern Ireland."

It will also re-define in other ways the relationship of Eire, the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

Authoritative quarters say that the legislation, expected to be presented to Parliament at a very early moment, will conform with Mr. Attlee's repeated assurances that there will be no change in the constitutional position of Northern Ireland without the approval of that country.—Reuter.

GOING TOO FAR

Roanoke, Virginia, January 18. W. Carter, 45, and his wife had been mixing wax and soap in his food for a long time, but when she substituted ground glass, it was too much and he shot her to death.—United Press.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 6400 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

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12.15 p.m.—Morning Prayers. (Studio)

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.45 p.m.—The London Palladium Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Merry Melodies. (Studio)

2.15 p.m.—News. Weather Report and Announcements.

2.25 p.m.—Orchestra Interlude.

2.30 p.m.—From the Shows.

2.30 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Half Hour: "Alice in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll. Episode 5. "The Trial of the Knave of Hearts." (BBC-TV).

6.30 p.m.—The Three Suns—Instrumental Trio.

6.40 p.m.—Terry Lou at the Piano. (Studio)

7.00 p.m.—News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.15 p.m.—Wednesday Night at 7.15. (Studio)

7.45 p.m.—Percy Faith and His Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—Interlude.

8.15 p.m.—"It's in the Air"—Variety Request Programme. Presented by Sean Horan. (Studio)

9.15 p.m.—"Talks" by Jack Lafferty.

9.30 p.m.—"Germans and their place in Europe"—No. 1: "The Ruhr Industries." (BBC-TV)

9.30 p.m.—"Double Indemnity" A Mystery Play by Charles Hutton.

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.45 p.m.—"Anthology" Presented by Clifford Davis. (Studio)

10.45 p.m.—"Nothing but Music" Sidney Torch and the Queens Hall Light Orch.

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

It also said that the retiring Secretary, Mr. George Marshall, is one of the greatest Americans of our time.

The Committee filed a one-page report formally notifying the Senate of its 16-0 vote last week recommending that Mr. Acheson's nomination be confirmed.

The report said: "It is the view of the Committee that Mr. Acheson is exceptionally well qualified to assume the responsibilities of the high post to which the President has nominated him."

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INQUIRY ON RACIAL RIOTS

Statement By South African Premier

New BOAC Chairman Appointed

London, January 17. Sir Miles Thomas, the man who last Autumn was given the task of re-organising the British Overseas Airways Corporation, is to be the new chairman of that organisation.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation announced tonight that Sir Harold

stated he wished to resign when his present term ends on June 30, and that Sir Miles, the deputy chairman, will succeed him.

Sir Miles will be succeeded as deputy chairman by Mr. Whitley Straight, formerly a racing motorist and one of Britain's leading aviation experts.

Sir Miles Thomas is internationally known as a motor-car manufacturer.

He has visited South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Ceylon, Burma and Switzerland. Sir Miles said tonight: "The dollar pay-roll personnel of BOAC is being reduced from 1,500 to fewer than 800 by next March. Arrangements have been made for a reduction of local personnel in the Far East and the Middle East totalling a further 1,000 employees."—Reuter.

ANTI-HITLERITE DIES IN LONDON

London, January 18. Professor Hermann Levy, an economist who opposed Hitler and fled Germany in 1933, has died at suburban Richmond aged 67. He lectured at King's College, Cambridge University, after serving the Government for some time as an authority on cartels.—Associated Press.

Steps Taken To Restore Order

Capetown, January 17. South Africa has decided to appoint a Judicial Commission of Inquiry to investigate the causes of the Durban race riots, Dr. Daniel Malan, the Prime Minister, announced this afternoon.

A statement issued by the Premier after the Cabinet met said the inquiry will undertake without delay a thorough investigation into the causes and circumstances surrounding the riots.

The composition of the Commission will be announced soon.

The statement says the Government learned with concern of the disturbances in Durban and vicinity, in which Africans and Indians were involved. It is the duty of the Government to maintain law and order and suppress mass violence with all vigour.

The necessary steps in that direction had promptly and effectively been taken.

The Government is satisfied that the situation is under effective control after hearing reports from the Ministers of Justice and Defence—Mr. G. R. Swart and Mr. F. C. Erasmus—who have just returned from Durban.

The conditions call for immediate relief measures and the Government is consulting the Administrator of Natal to determine the extent of the immediate needs.

It has asked that the information be supplied without delay.

Death Roll

The Government will remain in close touch with the provincial administration of Natal and has also instructed the Secretary for Social Welfare to go to Natal as soon as possible to collect information on the spot.

Czech Army Plot Said Uncovered

Prague, January 17. Official sources in Prague claim all knowledge of a reported attempted putsch, or of sentences on high military officers alleged to have been concerned in it.

A spokesman describes the reports as absolute rubbish.

The reports, which are the climax of several weeks of rumours, speak of action by a special military tribunal against a group of high officers said to have been involved in a putsch planned for Christmas Eve.

The rumours were strengthened by the apparent withdrawal of President Klement Gottwald from public and by the reinforcement of the guard round his palace.

President Gottwald did not attend a special theatre performance held here recently in honour of his birthday.

Usually reliable sources give it as a fact that more than 100 Army officers have been arrested.

It is believed that further purges have been carried out in the armed forces, particularly among officers with wartime association with the West; and that a tribunal has passed a number of death sentences, as well as long prison sentences.

However, it is announced that a Prague military court has sent

tenced one Czech officer to death and another to life imprisonment for anti-State activities.

The death sentence was passed on Major Ladislav Chlum charged with leading an anti-State group in contact with foreign agents, to whom the group is alleged to have given secret economic and political information.—Reuter.

TRUMAN MASTER OF HARMONY

Washington, January 17. President Truman was today made an honorary life member of the American Federation of Musicians because of his mastery of harmony in music and statesmanship.

Truman received a gold life membership card from James Petrillo, president of the Musicians Union. In addition to the card, Mr. Truman was given a silver plaque hailing him as champion of world peace, whose mastery of harmony contributed so largely to the world fellowship of man.—United Press.

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RITA HAYWORTH TO MARRY ALY KHAN

Cannes, January 17. Prince Aly Khan and Miss Rita Hayworth, the film actress, announced at Golfo Juan, near Cannes, today that they intend to marry as soon as he is free to do so.

Prince Aly said later that his marriage to Miss Hayworth will probably take place in France, and in all likelihood at Le Cannet, where his father is living.

The Prince told the press that the Aga Khan has approved the marriage. Miss Hayworth, he said, will hold a press conference herself as soon as she has recovered from influenza.

Asked whether the actress will continue to appear in films, Prince Aly said that she is still under contract to a Hollywood studio.

Nothing has been decided about religion yet, he said in reply to a question. Miss Hayworth is a Catholic and the Prince is a Mohammedan.

The pair arrived in Cannes on Friday after spending a two-weeks' holiday in Switzerland. Miss Hayworth is said to be under contract to resume film work in Hollywood next week.

SITUATION TO BE STABILISED

Prince Aly told reporters: "I have refrained from commenting on reports which have appeared recently in the press concerning my personal affairs. By mutual consent, my wife and I have been separated for more than three years. Divorce formalities were begun nearly a year ago and as soon as they are finalised, Rita and I will stabilise our situation, which has hitherto given occasion for unfortunate comments in the press."

"I am going to marry Miss Hayworth as soon as I am free. In these circumstances, I hope that private affairs will be treated with the habitual consideration which is accorded to the private affairs of people in general."

MONTY BACK FROM HOLLAND

Odham, January 17. Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chairman of the Western Union Commanders-in-Chief, returned by air from The Hague today and landed at Odham airport.

He had been engaged in talks with Dutch military chiefs.

At The Hague, an official Government statement on the conference said: "The talks took place in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and made it clear that The Netherlands, within the limits of its financial and economic possibilities, is fully prepared to make a proportional contribution towards the realisation of plans for the defence of Western Europe, with the leadership of which Field Marshal Lord Montgomery has been entrusted."—Reuter.

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Woman Today

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By Jane Barry

Perhaps the oldest known vanity of woman is fur, but in modern times furs lost their appeal to many women because of the cruelty of trapping fur-bearing animals for purposes of personal adornment.

Quite recently, however, the practice of raising foxes, mink, and other animals on farms has eliminated this particular feature in connection with some furs used in fashion.

Fashion itself encourages the business of the fur farm, since most of the fashionable furs of today are cross-breeds—the platinum-fox and platinum-mink. In France fur farms or ranches are rapidly gaining ground.

In recent seasons there has been a big increase in the variety of furs used by the leading Paris houses. The novelty fur, amusing to look at, inexpensive to buy, and often the fashion hit of the season, was less common in France than in the United States during pre-war years, but shortage of costly imported furs during the war years taught French furriers to manage with little.

First Place in Popularity

This winter mink has first place in popularity. Not a furrier's collection without its partner coat, not a dress collection without its panther-trimmed coats, jackets, and even dresses.



A magnificent ranch mink coat by Calman Links showing the four-fold back and softly rounded shoulders. The sleeves are wide, narrowing to a turned-back cuff at the wrist.

White Russian ermine is another fur featured prominently as a trimming on black this season. Black velvet jackets for late afternoon wear come trimmed with ermine collars and little barrel-shaped muffs to match. They recall styles of the 19th century.

Hold on to all tails this winter. They are worth their weight in gold, as far as trimmings are concerned.

Joan Desso uses tails in a basque style round the hips of a little mink jacket. Certain milliners use fox and ermine tails to trim winter hats; and a novelty which deserves mention is a large triangular show-like cape I saw recently, carried out entirely in white ermine with a fringe of tails on all sides.

Where fur coats are concerned there are two distinct lengths. One reaches the bottom of the long dress, and the other is not longer than thigh-length. Now three-quarter length, no odd seven-eighths or knee length styles have appeared. In the full-length coats, most designers feature fitted redingotes and loose conical lined redingotes.

In some houses, such as that of Jacques Helm, for instance, considerable emphasis is laid upon flaring back-panels in contrast to almost straight fronts.

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FASHION DESIGNER'S
IMPRESSIONS OF H.K.

By JANET MARTIN

Miss Tina Leser, well known American fashion designer, has arrived in Hong Kong on a round-the-world tour in search of new ideas for next year's fashions.

Miss Leser, who won the Coty Award for designing in 1945 and the Neiman-Marcus Award in 1946, is chief designer for leading fashion houses in America. She lectures at universities and, in her spare time, designs gowns for some of the famous stars of stage and screen.

Among her first impressions of Hong Kong are the richness and beauty of the Chinese silks and brocades, some of which she has selected to take back to the States. "The Chinese girls," she says, "have excellent taste in blending colours, and their accessories are particularly well chosen." She would like to see less embroidery on some of the gowns, for too much is difficult to take in all at once and detracts from the beauty of

dresses are long . . . they give better balance to the figure. Headline news for the summer are the glamorous new cottons, iridescent cotton taftas for town wear, cottons brocaded like damask, brocaded cotton prints, applique linens in contrasting colours. Full skirted styles, with all-round fullness will still be popular for summer wear, and are firm favourite with the teen age group fashions.

Gay Play Clothes

Play clothes, Miss Leser claims, are America's contribution to world fashion. Play clothes are gay clothes, for any time of the day or night when leisure hours are to be enjoyed. America understands them and combines the gayest mixture . . . maybe a handloom woven skirt, swinging full, with a plain tailored blouse . . . or a jewelled apron skirt topped by a plain black sweater.

Accessory notes to remember include hats . . . small and wide sloped, with bigger ones to come for summer. Shoes are simpler . . . the avenging back and the platform sole are right out.

Feature pockets are news . . . hip pockets and bustle pockets which add interest to back fullness. Jewellery, more chunky than ever, but here a note of warning, for it must be carefully chosen for the individual wearer. Semi precious stones and quartzes, mixed with pearls and diamonds are favourite.

Hemlines are a little higher, 13 inches from the floor for tailored clothes, about 10 inches for afternoon frocks. Short-hair styles are likely to continue as long as caps effects into which sleeves are mounted.

Capes of all lengths from the shoulders to the thighs are much in evidence. Among the most effective are the broadtail capes shown by Pierro-Balmain with linings of smooth cloth in pastel colours. Mauve-gray broadcloth may line a black broadtail cape, while a dusky lilac-pink lining is equally effective. Colourful linings dominate throughout the range of 1948-49 furs. Jacques Helm introducing a checked wool lining to a sealskin coat, while Molynous favours light green or pink satin linings in certain models.

Where it is a question of making the most of last season's furs, I cannot do better than recommend the idea of a coat carried out in almost equal portions of fur and fabric, like the model I saw recently with black sealskin back and sleeves joined to fronts of black, blue, and red tartan overcoating. Immensely popular also in Paris today are fur linings in cloth coats.

Many women look upon them as more elegant and better attuned to the spirit of the times than a more ostentatious display of fur. Thus you will see such effective models as a black cloth-coat lined with lynx or wolf, and a canary-yellow, velvet-cloth coat lined with gray squirrel.

Robert Piguet uses raccoon as a lining to a spinach-green bolero or jacket worn with a dress to match. His fur on satin makes an equally effective lining of this nature, but Robert Piguet also caters to the feminine type of woman who can still wear a tippet and carry a little barrel muff with chic.

Above is an oyster white crepe worn by film star Valli. Long tapered sleeves and a simple round neck make this a basic dress which can be changed into a number of costumes via the use of jewels, stoles, accessories and capes. Valli wears a circular cape covered with silver bugle beads, and narrow belt to match.

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REPUBLIC TO PROPOSE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THE DUTCH

Tension Will Relax This Year

Washington, January 17. The leading foreign policy authority in the Republican Party, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said today that a relaxation of the tension between Russia and the United States is probable this year.

In a copyrighted interview with the United States News, he said: "The Soviet leaders themselves are not affirmatively seeking better relations with the United States."

But he claimed: "Subject to accidents or stupidity, there will be a gradual lessening of tension."

He said this will occur primarily because the Communist tactics of aggression are becoming less potent, they are becoming better known, discovered, exposed and nullified and because the internal problems of the Communist States require urgently more attention.

Mr. Dulles "insists that a new Western Europe must include Germany."

"The difficulty today, however, is that Western Europe is not strong enough or vigorous enough to feel that it can digest Germany," he asserted.—Reuter.

HUGH DALTON IN PARIS

Paris, January 17. Mr. Hugh Dalton arrived in Paris by air tonight to lead the British delegation to the European Unity talks opening here tomorrow.

He said: "We hope to finish our work this week. We shall thus be able to prepare a report for the Western Union Foreign Ministers to consider when they meet in London on January 20."

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent says Mr. Dalton took with him proposals which had been fully thrashed out by the Cabinet and which were also discussed by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, during their London talks last week.—Reuter.

EX-PREMIER ON FORGERY CHARGE

Batavia, January 17. The former Premier of East Indonesia, Nadjamuddin Daeng Malaewa, today heard the prosecutor of Macassar court, in the Celebes, demand a four-year sentence on him for misuse of authority.

The former Premier was charged with forgery and receiving. Sentence will be pronounced later. Nadjamuddin was dismissed from office in 1947. Last October he was placed on trial, freed, re-arrested and freed again all in one day when his defence counsel successfully pleaded that accusations against him were legally unsound.—Reuter.

Imprisonment Of Republic Leaders

The Hague, January 18. The Netherlands Government says it did not know that the Indonesian Republic leaders are confined under guard in a building on Bangka Island.

It added that it is sorry about it.

The United Nations Good Offices Committee said on Sun-

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New Delhi, January 18. Economic sanctions against the Dutch will be commanded by Indonesian Republican delegates to the Asian conference opening here on Thursday on the Dutch-Indonesian dispute.

The Dutch, in what they termed police action, have taken over important Republican centres in Indonesia and detained leaders. The military moves took place in the last month.

About 20 Asian and Pacific nations are expected to be represented at the conference, called by the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, to consider what steps, if any, shall be taken as a result of the Dutch action.

A spokesman said that a Republican memorandum to the conference will recommend a time table for withdrawal of Dutch troops, establishment of an Interim Government, and setting up of a United States of Indonesia.

If the conference accepts the Republican recommendations, the

Increased Use Of Wood Suggested

London, January 18. The British Timber Development Association called yesterday for increased use of wood in British industries and for increased imports of timber.

A memorandum sent by the Association to Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, said that the use of wood in place of steel, concrete and aluminium for many purposes will also save dollars and cut building costs which have climbed steeply since the war.

Many substitutes for timber are being bought from dollar countries and many of the substitutes are more expensive than the timber they replace, the memo argues.

Timber, it said, is one of the cheapest of raw materials. Further use of it will release manpower and productive capacity engaged in the manufacture, transport and assembly of substitute materials.—Associated Press.

Explanation Of Akaba Move

London, January 17. A Foreign Office spokesman today said the Transjordan Government invoked the Anglo-Transjordan treaty about 10 days before the start of the movement of British troops to Akaba, the Transjordan port.

He was commenting on a reported Israeli statement that a Transjordan spokesman had claimed that there had been no initiative from the Transjordan side.

Questioned about reports that British troops had arrived before, not after, Transjordan had invoked the treaty, the spokesman said the arrival of British troops in Akaba had erroneously been reported in advance.—Reuter.

The General Staff said that the five captured Indonesian Republican leaders are confined under close guard in a single bedroom of a large building on the island off Sumatra.

The Dutch previously told the UN Security Council that the nine Republican leaders had been released from custody and that five of these had complete freedom.

The other four, the Council was told, were confined to Bangka but enjoyed full freedom of the island.

"With deep regret, the Dutch Government has learned about the housing and treatment of the Republican leaders on Bangka," the Foreign Affairs Ministry said in a statement.

It added that this treatment is in conflict with instructions, and strong action will be taken against those responsible.

The Ministry announced that two high officials have left Batavia for Bangka to report on the situation.—Associated Press.

ILo To Meet In Manila?

Manila, January 18. The Philippine Government has invited the International Labour Organization Headquarters to hold its Asian conference in Manila next year.

The conference originally was fixed for China. The invitation was extended by President Quirino through Raghunath Rao, Assistant Director-General of the ILO, during a conference.—Associated Press.

London Planning For Crowds

London, January 17. Schemes for dealing with the crowds who are expected to attend the 1951 Exhibition were disclosed today.

New footbridges across the Thames from Charing Cross and across York Road from Waterloo Station will bring visitors to the Exhibition. New roundabouts on the roads outside Waterloo Station will be erected to help traffic flow freely.

The schemes, designed to cope with millions of visitors, were announced by Mr. Herbert Morrison, when he started the hammer which drove in the first pile for the new 1,700 feet river wall along the South bank of the river.

The wall, which will extend from the County Hall to a point just down-stream from Waterloo Bridge, will cost about £250,000 and the reclaimed land of four and a half acres is to be laid out as public space and gardens.

Mr. Morrison also announced that the London County Council and the Lambeth and Southwark Boroughs are arranging for a great spring cleaning and the brightening up of all streets surrounding the exhibition in time for the 1951 opening.—Reuter.

SJAHRIR TO CONFER WITH DUTCH PREMIER

Lake Success, January 18. The Netherlands said yesterday that Sutan Sjahrir, former Premier of the Indonesian Republic, has agreed to meet in Batavia today with the Dutch Premier, Willem Drees.

The announcement was made in the UN Security Council by J. H. Van Royen, Netherlands representative.

Van Royen told newsmen later that this is intended as the first step toward renewed Dutch-Indonesian peace negotiations.

Sjahrir was one of the Republican leaders arrested in December when the Dutch launched their military action which quickly overran Republic territory.

The Dutch statement came as the Security Council ended a general debate on the Indonesian problem, General A. G. L. MacNaughton of Canada, this month's Council President, hopes that a formal proposal will be ready on Wednesday afternoon when the Council meets again.

The Indonesian representative, T. N. Palar, continued his insistence on firm UN action against the Dutch to force their withdrawal to lines held before the recent attack.

Hunt For Puppets

An Indonesian spokesman, commenting on the Dutch announcement regarding Sjahrir, expressed doubt any peace negotiations are even being considered by the Indonesians. The spokesman said Sjahrir may have been designated to talk with Drees merely to get information.

General MacNaughton agreed, in the meantime, to see what arrangements can be made to bring any designated Republican officials to Lake Success to confer with the delegation here.

Informed quarters believe that Sjahrir may be designated to come to Lake Success. It is recalled that he appealed before the Security Council in the early stages of the Indonesian problem in 1947.

Charles Thamboc, alternate Indonesian delegate, said the Dutch are feverishly hunting for puppets and the fact that they are making an approach to Sjahrir shows how little they know of the Indonesian mentality.

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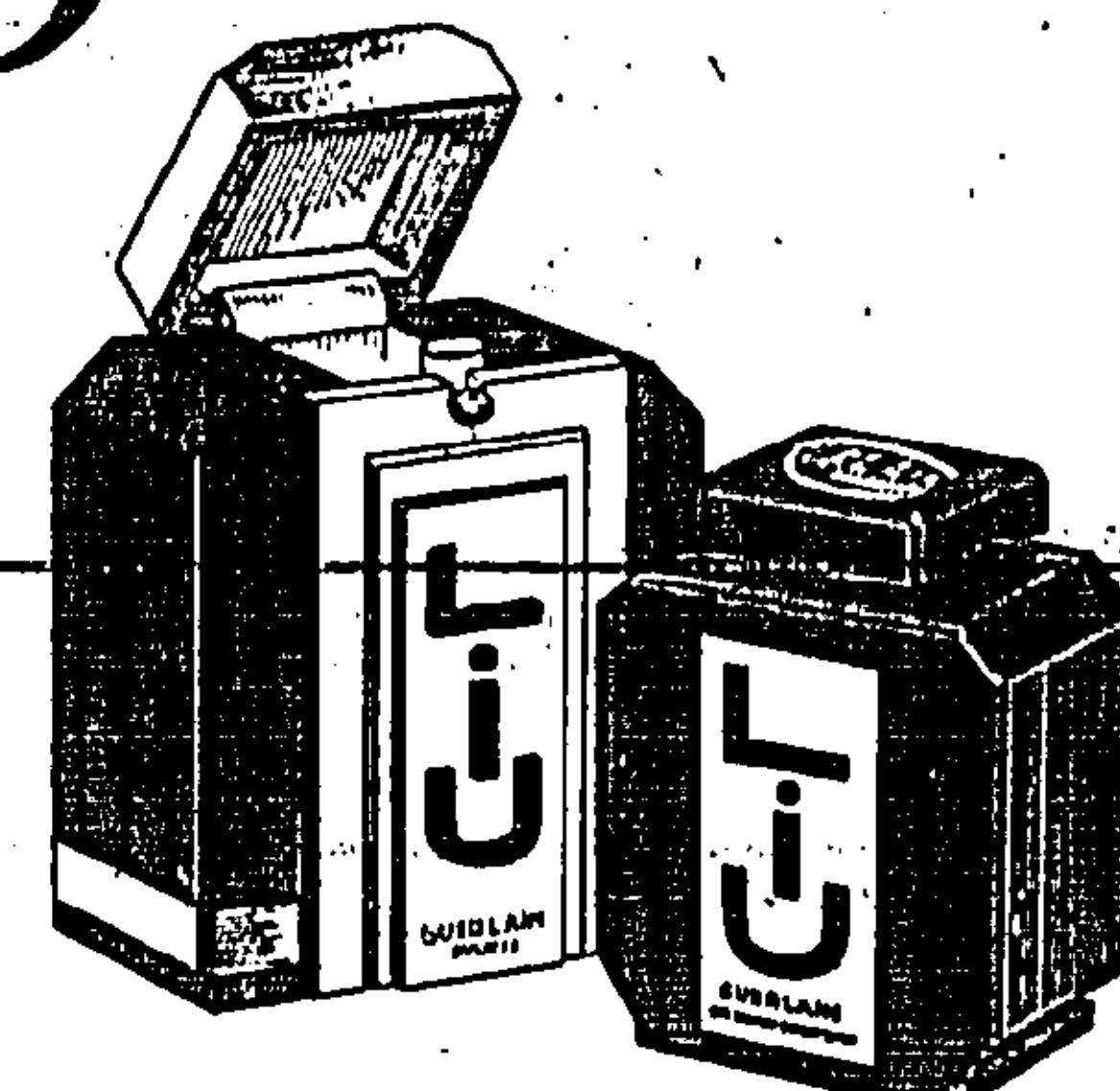
In fact, he said, the Republican delegation at Lake Success is hoping that President Soekarno will designate Sjahrir to come here.

This was announced today by the Vice-President of the Court, M. Jules Basdevant, who presided at the resumed hearing in the absence of President Jose Guerrero, who is ill.

The case arose from the British complaint to the United Nations that Albania was responsible for the loss of the destroyers *Saumarez* and *Volage* in the Corfu Channel in 1946, with the loss of 44 sailors.

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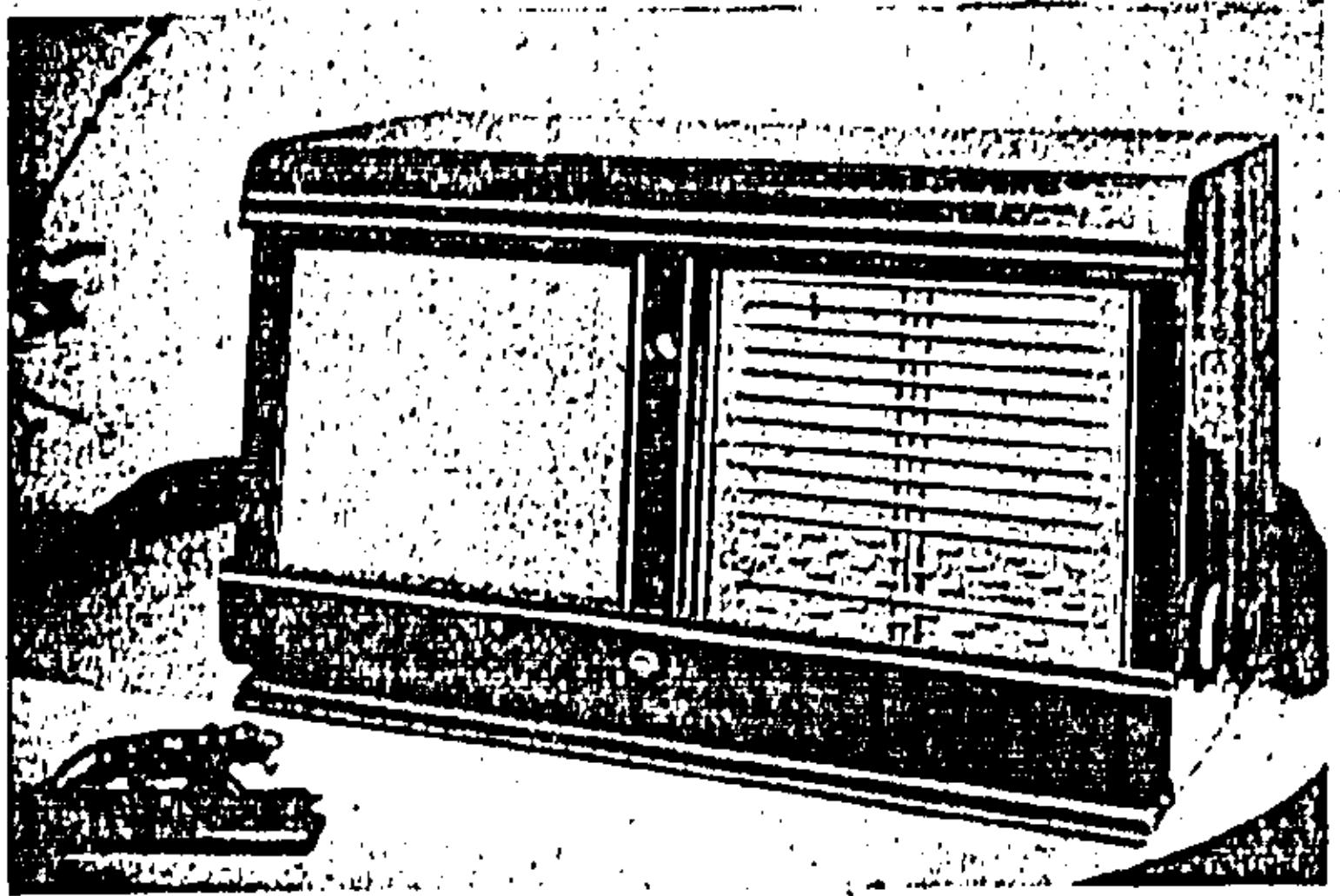
Athens, January 17. The Greek Air Force today roared over the barren Vermion Mountains, strafing and dive-bombing a broken line of retreating guerrillas in vengeance for the sacked city of Naousa.

The General Staff said that three days of burning and killing that left the city in ruins.

Official reports of casualties and destruction do not keep pace with unofficial estimates, but the official list includes 300 civilian hostages taken, 542 military age men were missing and 256 school children missing.

Unofficial estimates say that some 2,000 were abducted but many escaped as the Army harassed the retreating column.—United Press.

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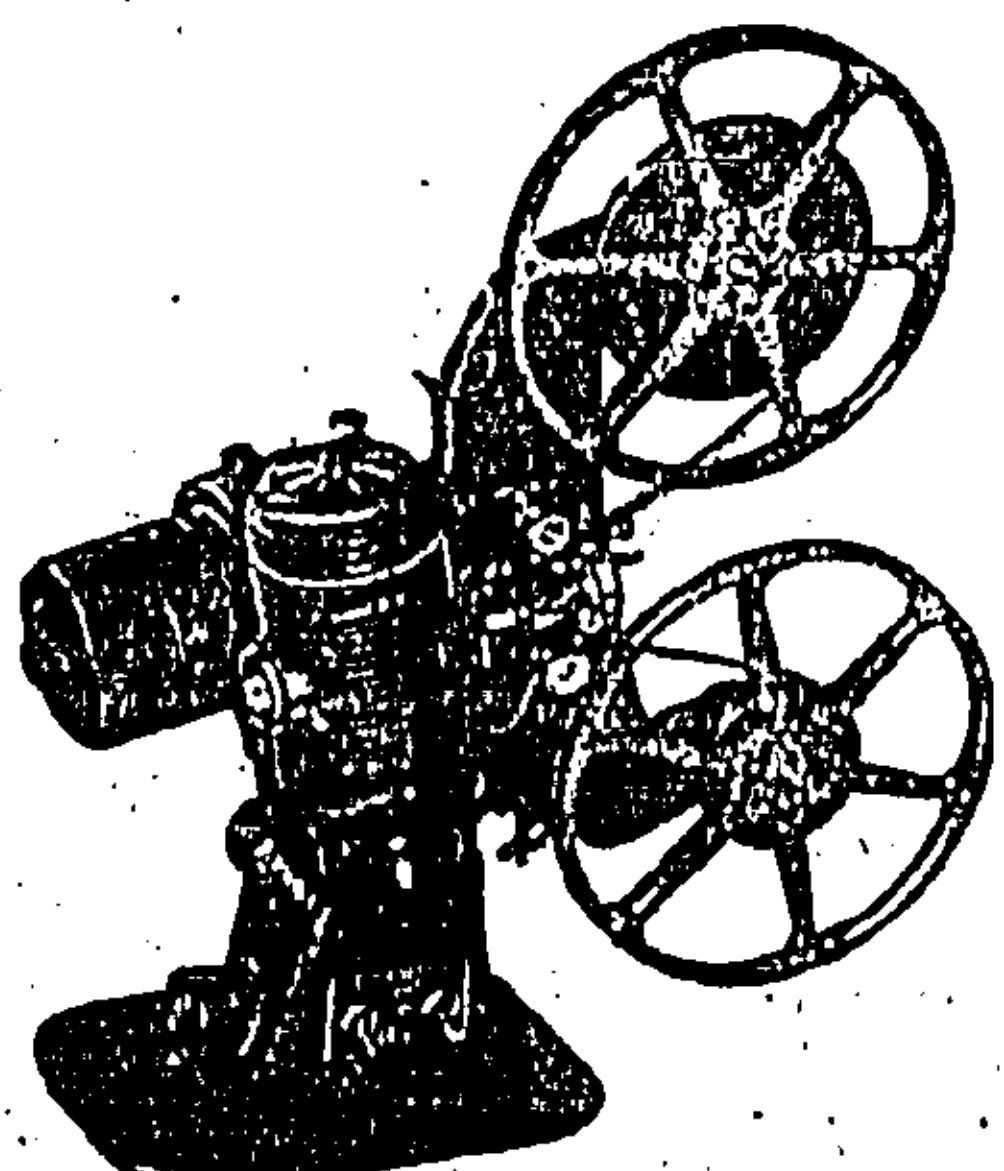
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Editorial

The "China Mail" staff were talking the other day about the Derby, and what to do with the money "when" they have won it. That is, each was expecting to weigh seven links by today. That is, all of them excepting myself. I was too busy thinking about how to fill this column.

"What would you do?" somebody asked me. "What do you think of our teen agers?" I replied, quite irrelevantly.

"Quite an irritating lot," came the answer from one of our senior men.

"Come along, Pop, (that's what we call him) you're being sensitive in your old age," said one of the sports men. And from that moment all talk on the Derby ceased and centred on the teen-ager.

Expanding his chest the sportsman continued. "I think you're not giving the kids a break. After all, what if they are a little noisy these days? They are entitled to some fun. It's just that the fun in our time was a little on the restrained side. Look at them in the sports field never saw a better physically built generation."

"Never known a more infantile lot either," said the man on the desk marked "Society." "You should see the sophistication they affect on the dance floor or the air they went to a simple wedding ceremony. So unconvincing!"

"That's not true at all," said Night Editor. "Yes, I know, some of them can't wait their turn to put on high heels and the rest of it. But I think they are generally successful and absolutely enchanting when they play at being grown up. And dressing themselves and holding themselves correctly like the young ladies they are, and most of all trying to behave like young ladies, are important factors towards their growing up correctly. Or do you expect them to be cuddling dolls at 17?"

Someone mentioned slang. Indicating an article in a magazine. Returned our eloquent Night Editor. "Yes, I know, 'WOW' means according to them, 'worn-out wolf,' 'D.D.T.' 'drop dead twice' and so on. What sense is that to us?" Very little, I'll admit. But it means something to

Crossword

Two prizes will be awarded (\$5 and \$4) for the first two entries opened. Send in your entries marked CROSSWORD, to the Editor, Teen Age Topics, "China Mail," Windsor House, Hong Kong.

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Across

- Interchange of views.
- An insect.
- Pronoun.
- Verb.
- An allowance.
- An adventurist.
- Wolves.
- To visualise.
- Employ for a purpose.
- To bring into existence.
- Signal.
- Regions above.
- Portable shelter.
- Down
- Harmful.
- Preposition.
- A noise does it.
- One.
- Utensil with network.
- Molotov always says it.
- Between the past and the future.
- To engrave on metal plate.
- A wound.
- A drudge.
- Cry.
- Partake of a meal.
- A number.

them, and there's no harm done."

"Yes," chirped our harbour reporter, "There are more things in Heaven and earth than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

They were still arguing when an elderly visitor came in. "I ventured to ask him, 'What do you think of teen agers?'

"I've got two of my own," he replied. "Just thought I'd tell you.

Personality

Dennis Collaco is 17, and was born in Hong Kong. He attended La Salle College and passed his school leaving certificate last year.

Dennis is studying shorthand and accountancy now. His ambition is to be a chartered accountant.

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Jealousy

Jealousy is a nasty, gnawing little torment that should be dealt with as soon as it is recognised. Let it flourish, and it can make the nicest people self-conscious, miserable and, worse still, bitter.

Jealousy is a thing that can be squashed if you marshal your self-control, your sense of fairness, and, most important, your ability to laugh at yourself, to help you in the squashing.

If you can't be pleased about the attributes of your friends, proud of their personality or appearance, at least try not to envy them. You'll only build a hard little shell around your own talents, that will take a lot of hard won experience to crack.

Food Problem

Do you get into a fit about what to serve party guests when they clamour for supper? Aren't you just a little bit tired of the old hot dog and the choose-your-own-sandwich?

Then try the Make-your-own-supper now and then with boys and girls mixing the sort of food they like.

A sundae supper is a good idea, and it's easy to prepare. Begin by giving each guest a scoop of ice-cream in a bowl (never mind the cold!). Then show him to a table set with little dishes of caramel sauce, chocolate sauce, honey, fruit salad (tinned will do), shredded coconut, chopped jelly and let him mix just the sort of ice-cream sweet he wants.

Or another idea, choose the Dogwood recipe for a sandwich. What do you need? Any and everything!

Answer

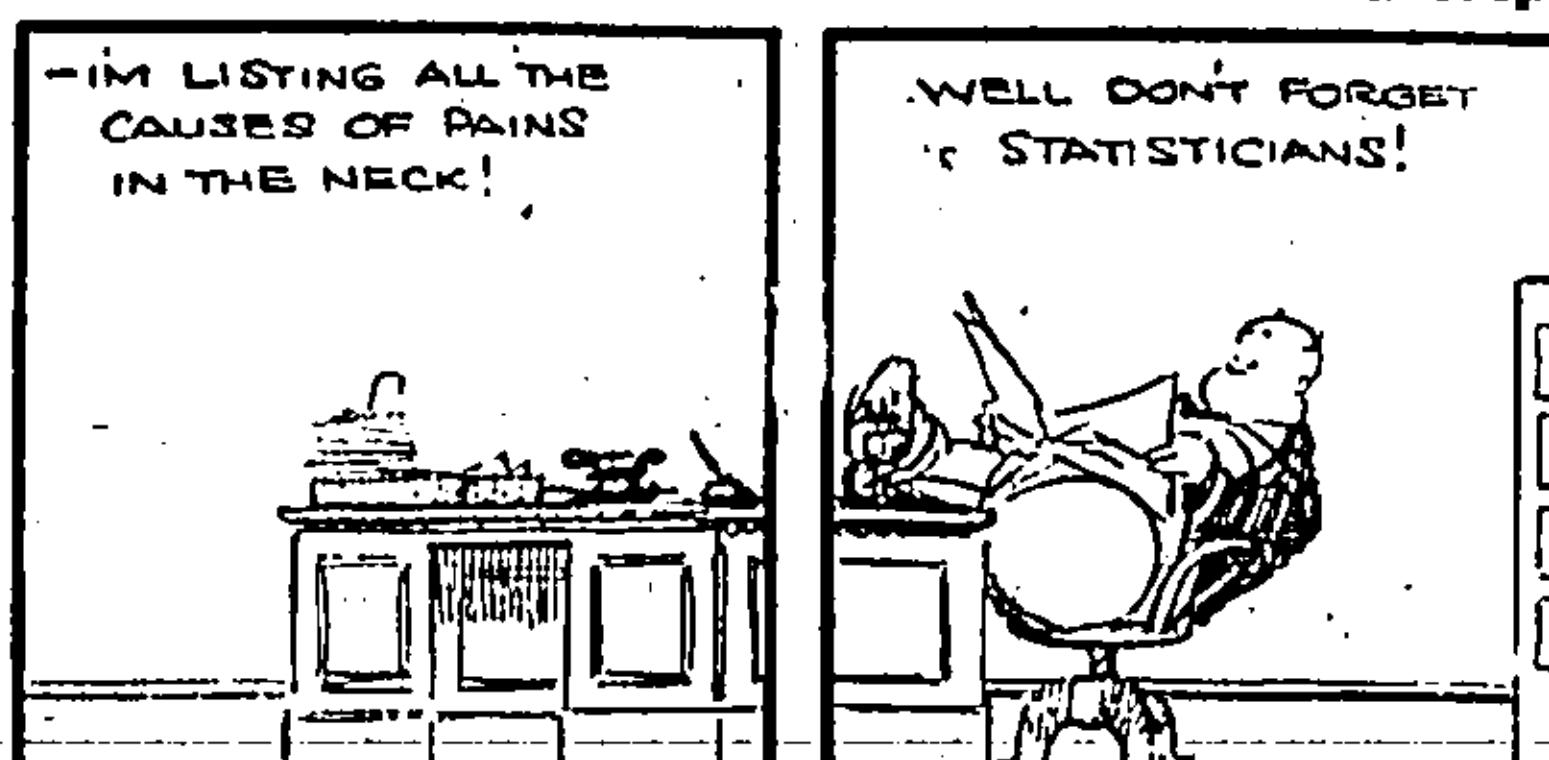
"Disguised."—Every letter must be accompanied by the name and address of its writer. This will not be published if the writer so wishes. But the topics will not publish any letter without receiving the name of the writer, particularly so, when the letter directs criticism at a third party.—Ed.

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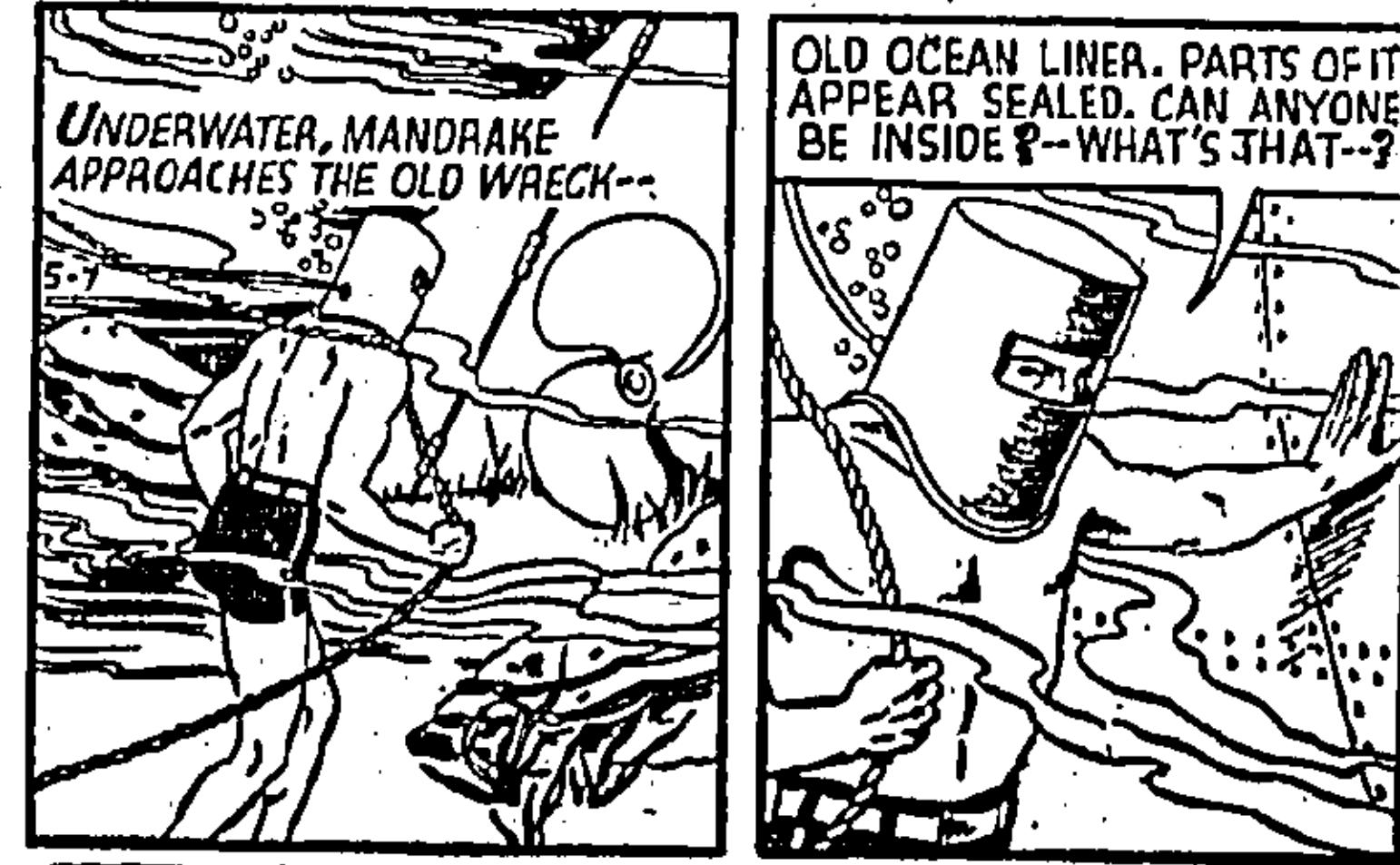
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The Wren.

Neck and a crop



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JANE



Platter Chatter

Tin Pan Alley lyric writers have been fond of the question-mark ever since Has Anybody Seen Kelly? It is interesting to note that the interrogation was completely absent from the Hit Parade for nearly a year.

This is, however, no indication that the lyric writers have improved in their art, as current examples of their work show that with few exceptions, their vocabulary is still confined to June, moon and croon.

There is also a marked tendency towards "humorous" lyrics and a number of funny men have had the bad taste to desecrate classics with their arrinine verses.

My mental picture of one of these slightly dopey personalities is that of a man cutely discharging grins as if to show his teeth to a dentist.

Johnny Mercer, on the other hand, is still writing great stuff and the only palatable corn is served by Red Ingale.

1948 in Retrospect: Peggy Lee is still improving. She sings ballads and swing with equal facility.

Sinatra is getting a better press from the critics. I still think he drags too much and lacks virility. He sounds tired, oh, so tired...

Perry Como is in good voice but why the funeral tempo on his current platters?

Dick Haymes has teamed up with the Andrews Sisters and this combination has recorded a first-rate Teresa. It would be a mistake, however, to use Dick instead of Bing for jump pieces.

Stories of Brother Bing's White Christmas has topped the five million mark representing a turnover of 3,000,000 U.S. dollars! A colossal sum for three minutes of easy vocalising by Bing.

The inconsistency of Stan Kenton is amazing. He would make a few excellent discs and follow with some which are nothing but a cacophony of noise—a result of wild and disconnected arrangements.

Glenn Miller, now dead four years, is still getting a good number of votes in the annual polls. The first Glenn Miller album has been in the best-seller's list for the past 110 weeks.

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SUSIE



Betty Betz

Betty Betz, the Fairy Queen of American Teen agers, arrives at Kai Tak tomorrow.

Betty is on a tour visiting teen agers in all the countries of the world. She will stay in Hong Kong for four days leaving on January 24.

It is reported that a group of teen agers representing all the different nationalities of the local community will be meeting Betty at the airport. Other functions are being planned.

Pen Friends

Phyllis Myers, 34, Horace Street, Malvern, SE4, Victoria, Australia. Occupation: Typist; Hobby and Sport: Dancing and collecting snaps; dancing; Ambition: To travel. Age: 16.

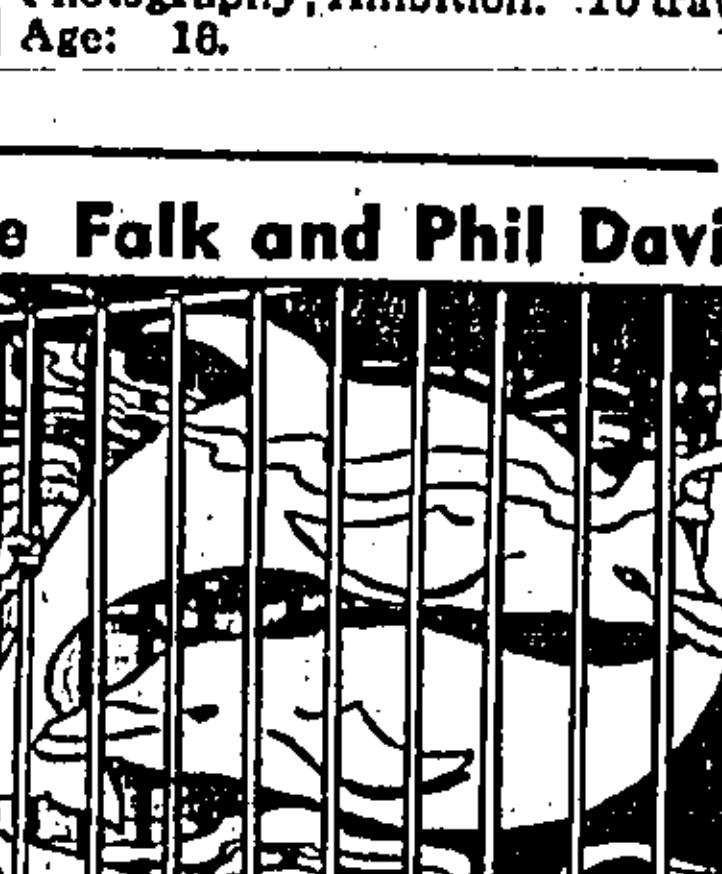
Carmel Sullivan, 20, Rugby Road, New Lambton, NSW, Australia. Occupation: Student; Favourite Sport: Tennis; Hobby: Knitting; Ambition: To be an air hostess; Age: 14.

Margaret Byrne, "Locksley," Caldwell, New South Wales, Australia. Occupation: Dressmaking and home duties; Favourite Sport: Tennis; Hobby: Fancy-work; Ambition: To be a perfect house-keeper and wife. Age: 19.

Shirley Sandberg, 30, Judd Street, Cronulla, NSW, Australia. Occupation: Typist; Sport: Horse riding; Hobby: collecting poems; Ambition: to become a capable horsewoman. Age: 17.

Heather Coote, 33 Royal Street, Chatswood, NSW, Australia. Occupation: Stenographer; Sport: Surfing; Hobby: Photography; Ambition: To own a frock shop; Favourite book: St. Elmo. Age: 18.

Georgia Jenkins, 962 Pacific Highway, Roseville, NSW, Australia. Occupation: Stenographer; Sport: Sailing; Hobby: Photography; Ambition: To travel; Age: 16.



ALEX RAYMOND

Don't you read the papers? Many Carlo's been arrested for murder!

Carlo? What about him?

May I come in, Janet? Don't bother to unpack now. I want to show you the room. I've reserved for our dress shows!

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Police talk to taxi strikers just before 41 pickets jump into police trucks and insist on voluntary arrest. This was the first disturbance since the strike began on September 22. ("China Mail" photo)



Happy Valley's new "Photo Finish" gets a last-minute check by Mr. D. L. Vinall, General Manager of the Race Finish Recording Co., Ltd., of London. ("China Mail" photo)



Part of the training of a BOAC hostess requires a steady hand for pouring drinks while the plane is in motion. ("China Mail" photo)



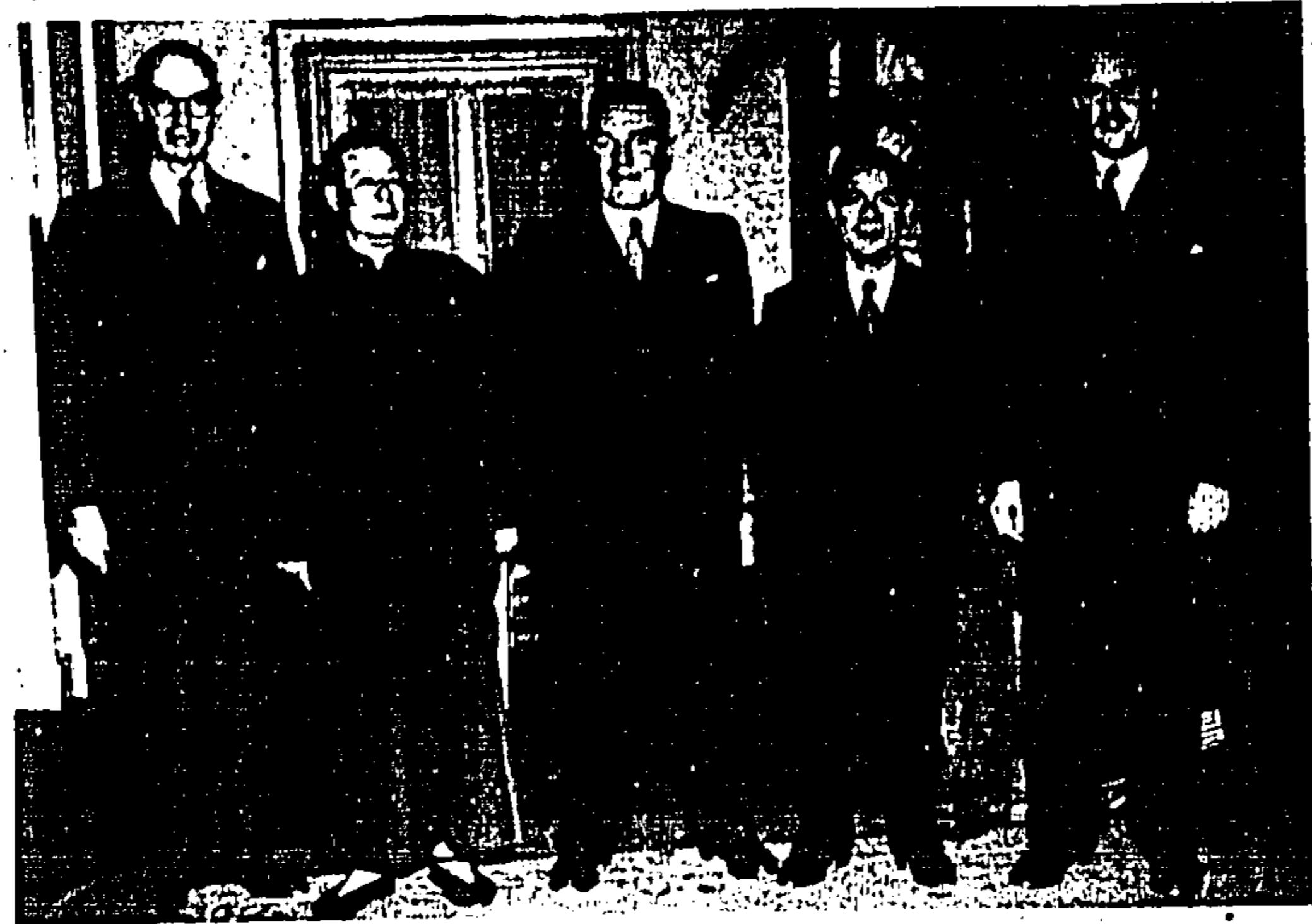
Firemen on the job when the m.s. Anakan caught fire at Kowloon Dock on January 10. ("China Mail" photo)



Miss A. Winthrobe demonstrates the proper technique. ("China Mail" photo)



The Pakistan Lawn Bowls Team, winners of the International Tournament, at a party given by the Pakistan community at the Hong Kong Hotel. Present are Chairman Mr. S. A. Ismail, A. el Arculli, U. M. Omar and members of the team. ("China Mail" photo)



In the centre is Mr. F. E. Day, Director of Messrs. A. G. Kidston & Parker Ltd., London, guest of honour at a cocktail party at the Hong Kong Hotel. The party was given by John D. Hutchison & Co. ("China Mail" photo)



Mrs. Day entertains some of her visitors. From left to right, Mrs. Orloritz, Mrs. J. D. Clague, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Prew and Mrs. J. Wolfe. ("China Mail" photo)



In a huddle at the same party, Mr. A. S. Adamson, Manager of the Hong Kong Bank, Mr. E. Hinsworth and a friend. ("China Mail" photo)



Guests at the J. D. Hutchison Party including Messrs. J. E. Patal, R. El. Lang, B. R. Singh and K. Lall. ("China Mail" photo)



Cheerful guests at Len Hutton's housewarming, pose for a group picture. (King's Studio)



Hong Kong Stage Clubbers take time out from last week's production of "Treasure Island." (Ming Yuen)

Mr. Thomson and friends at the cocktail party for Mr. F. E. Day. ("China Mail" photo)



January 8 means "Birthday" for Maurice Verloyen, 23, Marie Pomeroy, 21, and Winnie Lui, 22. At St. Teresa's Clubhouse ("China Mail" photo)



Rizal Day celebration at King's Park to greet the new year. (Victor Studio)

Mr. C. K. Kom and bride, the former Miss Wong Yee Ngar, at the Hong Kong Hotel. (King's Studio)



The children seem awed by the photographer during a party at 10, Peak Mansions, given by Mr. and Mrs. Pearce. (Mee Cheung)



Peter William, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Summers, sleeps after his christening at St. Andrew's Church. ("China Mail" photo)

MORE BABY COMPETITION ENTRIES.

The judging will be carried out by experts, from the photographs, after which readers will be given an opportunity of testing their own selections against those of the judges, with a prize of \$100 for the reader whose choice most nearly agrees with that of the judges.





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LEFT WING MP
SAYS JEWS ARE
"PRO-BRITISH"

London, January 17. Mr. Richard Crossman, leading left wing Member of Parliament, today blamed the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, for obstructing peace in the Middle East, and dismissed the idea of an aggressive Israel as a fantasy. Returning to London from a visit to Palestine, he described the Jews there as still deeply pro-British.

Mr. Crossman told Reuter: "There has never been a time when there was a better chance for peace in the Middle East and for friendship between Jews and Arabs—if it were not for Mr. Bevin." "He seems determined even to prevent the Jews coming to terms with their Arab neighbours by rallying the Arab States into a bloc designed to contain an aggressive Israel."

Mr. Crossman said he found in Palestine passionate resentment of the British policy, but typically it was always blamed on Mr. Bevin.

"When we pulled out of Palestine, leaving all the key positions in Arab hands, we left the Jews, not with their backs to the wall, but with their backs half way through the wall," Mr. Crossman continued.

"Now Israel has defeated the Arabs. Thus the war is over unless Britain intervenes militarily." Some quarters have suggested that Mr. Crossman will lead a strong group of Labour rankers in opposition to the Government's Middle East policy in Parliament this week.

Mr. Crossman said tonight: "My job in Parliament will be simply to state the facts and clear away if it is possible the fog of prejudice which have been deliberately created to conceal the errors of the Government's Palestine policy."

Other points made by Mr. Crossman were: "Britain has vital and legitimate interests in the Middle East. They can only be secured by recognising the emergency of Israel as the most dynamic factor of Middle Eastern politics, by forgetting the past and throwing our whole weight behind the policy of an internationally guaranteed neutralisation of Israel and Transjordan, including the holy places of the three religions."

"For the first time, there is a policy open to Britain which

Combined Operations In Malaya

Singapore, January 18. The British Army, Navy and Air Force have combined to carry out a large-scale operation against the Communist insurgents in the Dindings, the former Straits Settlement on the West coast of Malaya.

The operation, described as extensive, began on December 26. Units of the 4th Hussars and Gurkhas went ashore in the Northern part of the province after 4.5-inch naval guns had shelled the insurgent areas.

Troops operating through jungle and swamp used artillery on hide-outs while RAF planes kept up a bombardment of the flanks.

Security forces combed villages and detained 30 persons.

The operation destroyed six camps, at one of which troops found rifles, shot-guns, food, medical supplies, documents and a meal cooking.—Associated Press.

The formal approval was given at a plenary session lasting five minutes. The unofficial agreement on the evacuation of the Falujah garrison was reached in informal conferences between the delegation heads and Dr. Bunche last night.

Approval of only one item at tonight's meeting indicates that only matters pertaining to the Falujah garrison has been discussed so far.

After the formal conference, Dr. Bunche held more private conferences on the remaining items. Private meetings are expected to go on tonight and tomorrow, but another plenary session is unlikely before Wednesday at the earliest.—Reuter.

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U.S. Eastern Policy
"Kept A Secret"

Washington, January 17. Mr. John Foster Dulles, leading foreign policy authority in the Republican Party, today accused the Truman Administration of keeping its Far Eastern policy secret from the Republican Party and the American people.

"It is now nearly three and a half years since Japan surrendered," he said in a copyright interview in the "United States News" magazine. "So far as I am aware, no Republican leader knows, and the American people have no knowledge whatever, as to what is contemplated with regard to a peace treaty with Japan or what our policy or programme is in the Far East."

"That, I think, is an unfortunate situation. But it is not a situation that can be blamed on bi-partisan foreign policy because in that case there has been no bi-partisan foreign policy at all."

He said he does not know whether there will be any change in this policy as a result of the appointment of Mr. Dean Acheson as Secretary of State.—Reuter.

Historic Trial Begins Of U.S. Top Communists

New York, January 17. Eleven of the 12 top Communists in the United States went on trial in the heavily-guarded Federal courthouse today.

Defence counsel immediately protested against "police state atmosphere" and "intimidation."

The Government brought its case against 12 American Communist leaders, but as the hearing began, John F. X. McGhee, United States attorney, moved to postpone action against William Z. Foster, 67-year-old Party chairman, who is seriously ill.

A battery of five defence attorneys immediately swung into a complicated legal skirmish which delayed action and made it appear probable that it will be several days before the Court gets around to selecting a jury.

Led by the dapper and sharp-tongued Harry Sacher, the defense objected to the presence of police, to newspaper articles about the trial, to the smallness of the courtroom, and the alleged bias of Federal Judge Harold Medina.

The Court was called to order and Mr. McGhee introduced two motions, one to proceed with the trial charges against the Communist "Board of Directors" and another to sever Foster from the trial.

Sacher was on his feet immediately, referring to newspaper despatches about the assignment of 400 policemen to the courthouse, and demanded that the police be removed.

"This is a police trial, not a public trial," he declared.

"Armed Camp"

Judge Medina, a calm, moustached man, rocked slowly back and forth in his chair as Sacher and other defence counsel objected: "martial law in Foley Square," "armed camp calculated to influence jurors" and "an atmosphere of violence, not only in the courthouse but in this courtroom."

Mr. Medina denied all motions for the removal of the police, remarking that he remembered picket lines and demonstrations on previous occasions that bordered on disorderly conduct and which had made a police guard advisable.

The entire first day of this history-making trial was consumed by defence attempts to win a delay, which ended when Mr. Medina denied a plea for a 90-day postponement.



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"TJITJALENGKA"	from Macassar 2nd Jan.	to Javaports & Macassar 3rd March
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MESSRS HANDY AND HARMAN

New York, January 17.

The general recovery in world conditions and improvement in dollar shortages from grants and loans by the United States Government have failed to make themselves felt in the silver markets during the past year.

Handy and Harman's annual silver market review states, this today.

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The market remains steady.

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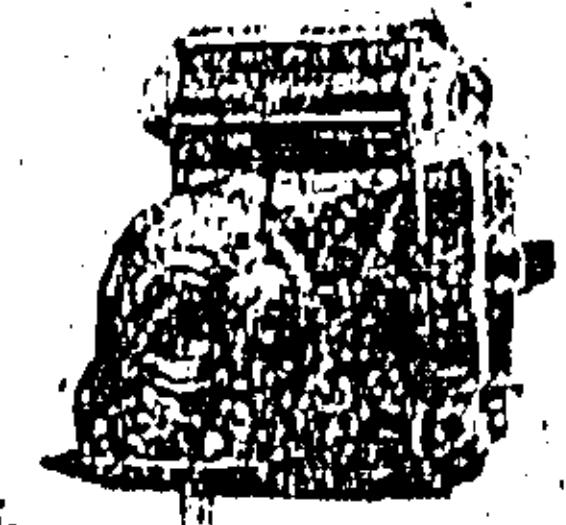
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(By "MID-ON")

Kowloon Docks Win Bowls Game

The final of the Inter-Hong Kong Bowls Pairs Championship sponsored by the Kowloon Docks for their members was decided last Sunday and won by the Kowloon Docks.

The Docks' combination was represented by R. Morrison and J. McKelvie. They beat S. H. Strange and W. C. Simpson of the District Office, New Territories in an exciting game by a single shot, the final score being 23-22.

The Docks' combination, found the green right from the start and won at one time leading 6-2. From this period both Strange and Simpson rallied and registered 14 shots to lead 14-6. At this stage Simpson was playing brilliant bowls and was very accurate with his heavy shots. On one hand with the opponents lying a bunch, Simpson took a drive to change the head completely and give his side lead shots.

When the last head was started, the Docks' pair was leading by 23-20. When the skips went down to roll, Strange and Simpson were tying five or six. McKelvie drew third shot. Undaunted, Simpson rested the shot out for six. McKelvie drew third shot again. Simpson took it out once again to lie 6. With defeat staring him in the face McKelvie, cool as ever, drew third shot to win by a single shot.

The prizes for this competition have been donated by Mr. C. E. Terry.

Van Nida In Manila

Manila, January 18.—Norman von Nida, veteran Australian golfer, arrived by plane last night from Singapore to participate in the Far East Open tournament at Wack Wack Golf and Country Club on January 21-23.

Von Nida captured the Philipines Open championship in 1928 and 1929.

Among noted "invaders" taking part in the Wack Wack tournament are the Siamese champion, Nai Tim Kamru, and Beck Malvan of Hungjao Golf Club in Shanghai.—United Press.

"Spotty" Pereira and Eddie Gosano bowled their way to another Recreio victory last Saturday when, between them, they dismissed the strong "Scorpions" side for a paltry 74 to give the King's Park team victory by 27 runs. Recreio, with 34 points out of a possible 40 in 10 matches played thus far, retain leadership in the First Division and if present form is any criterion, they will end up the season in the same position.

The fact that they have never before carried off championship honours in the Cricket League is an added incentive to the Recreio players and, for the sporting game, they play if nothing else, for one would like to see this come about.

Pereira took first knock in this match, at Chater Road, and when they were dismissed for 101, there was more than a possibility that the "Scorpions" would be able to take 6 for 21. He was never very dangerous but the fact that he kept pegging a good length and on almost the same spot all the time, had the University batsmen rather unnerved.

Army then went on to score 70 for 5 after which wickets were drawn, Banton again being in the limelight with a top-score of 20.

At Cox's Path Kowloon, CC easily accounted for Craignegowen by 65 runs. The home team batted first and with Hart-Baker (60) and W. Davidson (53) scoring freely were able to declare in 130 for 7.

Howarth (4 for 35) and Pearce (4 for 22) were both very accurate and but for the fact that E. Soares (36) and Gerry Gosano (31) managed to stop the rot, Recreio might well have been dismissed for just about half the total.

Keen Fielding Team

Always a keen fielding team, Recreio were by no means discouraged by their poor showing and went about their business in workmanlike fashion when it was Club's turn at the wicket.

Eddie Gosano (5 for 29) and Pereira (4 for 45) jumped right into their best form and bowled unchanged, only the veteran Harry Owen Hughes being able to keep his wicket down. He went in third wicket down and was undefeated with an invincible 24. I have seen Owen Hughes play much bigger innings but I don't remember seeing him play a more restrained knock.

In short, he played the correct type of innings, and if he had had a trifle more support from the rest of the side might well have pulled the game out of the fire for "Scorpions."

On the other side of the harbour, "Optimists" as though to stone for the defeat of their brother-team, beat Navy by seven wickets. Here Smith (4 for 23) and D. McLeish (4 for 9) were the heroes for "Optimists" and with Nihon helping with a useful 2 for 18, Navy were out for 54.

Club had little difficulty in scoring the required runs and after they had won everybody had a "up," the side finally totalling 117 with Miller (31 retired) and

Encouraging Turnout At Fanling

There was a very encouraging turnout of members at Fanling on Sunday. Mr. N. A. Brown won his semi-final match in the Captain's Cup for 1948, beating Mr. C. H. T. Suen two and one. He now meets Mr. S. S. Gordon in the final.

Messrs. Dowell and Co. represented by Messrs. Carter and Brown, won the Victory Cup, beating the South British Insurance Messrs. Hay and Coombs three and two in the final.

The Bognor pool was shared by Messrs. Cieland and Carter who returned scores of one down.

Good progress was made with the Mixed Foursomes competition and those who have not already played are reminded that the second round must be completed by January 23.

Next Sunday sees the first two rounds of the Junior Championship and the Shobold Competition on the New Course.

Entries for the Men's foursome knockout competition close on January 23.

Undernourished, He Beat Jap

Tokyo, January 18.—Louis Zamperini, world-renowned long distance runner, told by affidavit how, as an undernourished prisoner of war of the Japanese, he was forced to run a race against the Japanese champion—and won.

Zamperini, 32, former Air Force bombardier from California, said he was nearly on a starvation diet of seaweed and barley at Ofuna camp when the match race was run. His account of the race was not presented before the Military Tribunal trying Admiral Soemu Toyoda, but the remainder of his lengthy affidavit describing beatings and tortures was presented by the prosecution to prove Toyoda's responsibility as camp commander.

A Government spokesman said that investigation has been made and is proceeding with a view to prosecution. He added that decisions as to the matter were necessarily deferred, pending the deliberations of the Commission of Inquiry and the publication of its report.

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Movement To Change Cup Competition

London, January 17.—There is a movement afoot in English soccer circles for the complete reorganisation of the age-old system of conducting the famous English FA Cup competition.

If and when the reform is made, and there are many influential soccer folk who believe it cannot be long delayed, it will round the death knell of the Cup hopes of all the thousands of small amateur and non-League professional clubs dotted all over the country.

For the change of plan entails the barring from the competition of all but League clubs, which would mean that the Colchester and Yeovil, who each season somehow manage to assume the mantle of giants, would be forced back into the ranks of comparative obscurity.

Supporters of the new plan appreciate that the occasion will bring a trial of strength along the long and arduous Cup road but rightly assert that for every Yeovil or Colchester that makes good, hundreds of little clubs fall by the wayside.

Practically from the start of the season, and eight months before the final is played at Wembley, swarms of little clubs begin battling away in the preliminary rounds with no earthly chance of reaching the later stages, let alone Wembley.

So why, ask the "new dealers," continue with such a farcical system? The proposed new scheme is certain to be welcomed by Third Division clubs. At present they are forced to fight among themselves for the first two rounds proper in the knowledge that victory or defeat in those early rounds could mean the difference between a fat credit balance or a crippling loss on the season's workings.

Equal Terms

Under the new proposal, premier and Second Division clubs would no longer be excluded from the first two rounds, but would start from scratch together with their poorer relations from the Third Division.

Thus each Third Division club right from the word "go" would stand the chance of "pulling out" a plum.

Most of the football enthusiasts who are courageous enough to risk their money on the outcome of the Football Association Cup competition are betting on Manchester United, repeating their victory of last year.

The Cup holders are quoted at 9 to 2 in the lists of odds offered by leading bookmakers, and at this price are said to be commanding plenty of support still.

Colossal Odds

At this stage of the competition last year, Manchester United were quoted at 9 to 1, with Blackpool favourites at one point less. Now Blackpool are at 16 to 1, while Portsmouth, who were on offer at these odds a year ago, are second favourites at 9 to 1 for the present competition.

The other prominent clubs, Derby County and Stoke City, are on offer at 11 to 1 and 14 to 1 respectively.

Bradford, who meet Manchester United on January 29, are offered at 400 to 1 to win the Cup. At the same stage last year, after they had beaten Arsenal, the odds against them were only one-tenth of this.

Last season, two non-League clubs, Colchester United and Gillingham, qualified for the fourth round of the Cup, and before their fourth round matches, odds of 4,000 to 1 and 5,000 to 1 respectively could be had about them.

This year, there is only one non-League club left in—Yeovil—and anyone wishing to bet that they will win the trophy can get 5,000 to 1 against them.

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A Government spokesman said that investigation has been made and is proceeding with a view to prosecution.

The Attorney General's office is contemplating action against certain persons in connection with Wing. On's West Point Godown fire on September 22 last, the "China Mail" learned officially yesterday.

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GOLDEN DAHLIA, SHIEH UP, WINS HONG KONG DERBY

Golden Dahlia, ridden by Mr. W. K. Shieh, won the 1949 Hong Kong Derby yesterday, bringing the holder of Cash Sweep ticket No. 0216138 the first prize of HK\$765,669.

Egyptian Field came in second, giving the holder of ticket No. 0880501 the second prize of HK\$218,762.

The third prize of HK\$109,381 went to the buyer of ticket No. 0690786 which drew Bon Wyvis, the third pony.

On each of the remaining 133 tickets drawn on unplanned ponies and non-starters, the prize was HK\$5,442.

Golden Dahlia's win was a complete surprise to racing fans who had placed more than half their winning bets on Skymaster, the red hot favourite, regarded by many as a sure shot.

Skymaster led at the start until the Football Stand when it bowed out and slowed down suddenly.

From then on, it was a hot contest among Highlight, Egyptian Field and Ben Wyvis.

The surprise came in the home stretch when Golden Dahlia, coming up from the outside, shot forward like an arrow. Passing its contestants one by one, it reached the winning post by a comfortable margin of two full lengths ahead of Egyptian Field.

The pari-mutuel paid on the Derby was HK\$30,80 for the winner, and HK\$10,30, HK\$15,70 and HK\$7,70 for places.

The remaining events with the exception of the first eight and last, went to favourites.

The highest pari-mutuel dividend paid was HK\$40,20 for a win in the first race.

Photo Finish decided the first, second and third ponies in the



W. K. Shieh, who won the Hong Kong Derby on Golden Dahlia at the Valley yesterday.—"China Mail" Photo.

Withdrawal From Dinghy Team Race

(By "RUBBINGSTRAKE")

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